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The Honorable
The Director of the
Bureau of the Budget
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawton:

Several weeks ago, at my request, it was informally proposed to Mr. G. E. Ramsey and Mr. Godfrey E. Barber that I desired to construct certain buildings [redacted] from funds available for the fiscal year 1950.

At that time it was recommended by Mr. Ramsey that concurrences to the proposal be obtained from the Public Printer or the Joint Committee on Printing in Congress, and the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration. These concurrences have now been obtained, copies of which are attached as Appendices A and B, respectively.

Also attached, as Appendix C, is a copy of a letter dated 14 April 1950, addressed to The Commissioner of Public Buildings, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, which fully describes the proposed construction and contains other pertinent information in regard thereto.

Appendix D attached indicates the tentative locations of each of the proposed buildings and the boundaries of the land to be purchased, totaling approximately [redacted] square feet.

Attached as Appendix E is a copy of the minutes of a meeting held on 4 April 1950 by the GPO-State-CIA Policy Committee, which Committee was established on 27 November 1946 at the direction of the Bureau of the Budget. As indicated in these minutes, it was recognized and agreed by all members of the Committee that the existing GPO facilities are inadequate for the purpose of meeting the total printing requirements of the various participating agencies, particularly those of CIA. Numerous economies would result in this consolidation to the extent that it is estimated that a minimum of [redacted] each year will be saved in the printing of CIA publications, and greatly increased efficiency in operation of the reproduction facilities of CIA and the printing facilities of the GPO.

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The justification for the construction of each of the proposed buildings is briefly as follows:

- a. Printing Building - The CIA reproduction and GPO printing facilities are now housed in [] different locations and are utilizing a total of [] square feet. Present space does not include adequate facilities for the storage of work in process, for collating and binding, or for the dissemination of material published by CIA. The productive capacities in a certain number of printing and reproduction processes are inadequate to meet present and future needs of this agency. The merger of the CIA reproduction and GPO printing facilities in a single location will result in an increase in productive capacity of approximately 68 per cent with approximately the same number of personnel. The cost of constructing this building, considering an annual saving of approximately [] can be amortized over a period of five to six years.
- b. Warehouse Building - At the present time CIA occupies a leased building containing [] square feet of warehouse type space, which is so poorly constructed and divided that maximum utilization of space and minimum operating costs are not possible. It is intended that the lease for this building will be cancelled upon the completion of the proposed warehouse building.
- c. Engineering Building - The Engineering Laboratory for the design and development of special types of communications equipment required in CIA overseas operations is now housed in a temporary building not designed for industrial type of equipment. Efforts to obtain a satisfactory industrial type building for this purpose have indicated that such buildings can be obtained by lease, in which alterations would have to be made, costing approximately []

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This proposal will involve an estimated expenditure of [] including the cost of land to be purchased, the cost of construction for the proposed buildings, and certain pieces of new equipment to be purchased to supplement existing equipment and facilities. Upon your concurrence, the project will be discussed with the appropriate Congressional officials concerned with CIA appropriations in view of the fact that this construction was not specifically proposed in the CIA budget for the fiscal year 1950. Approval will be obtained prior to any final action being taken in connection with this proposal.

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At the present time, it is estimated that there will remain unobligated funds in the amount of [] from the current appropriation after deducting the cost of the proposal contained herein.

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Your written concurrence in this proposal will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signed

H. H. WELLS
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Enclosures (5)
Appendices A thru E

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